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State Representative Bill Buckbee 67<sup>th</sup> Assembly District New Milford, Connecticut March 9, 2023

Dear Rep. Buckbee,

We're responding to your request for testimony regarding the Highway Use Tax that became effective January 1, 2023. This tax is assessed on trucks based on their size and overall mileage traveled across Connecticut's highways. The cost of doing business is passed on to Connecticut consumers and especially in our case New Milford residents who rely on municipally provided services that require external sources for equipment and supplies.

An additional tax is contrary to our efforts to hold down expenses that are already rising due to continuing supply chain issues. We appreciate and support your and your colleague's efforts to repeal the Highway Use Tax.

With best regards,

Pete Bass

Mayor – Town of New Milford

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